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Crack Cocaine Trafficker Receives 26+Year Federal Sentence

Portland, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced today that **Vodie Goodman**, 45, of Lewiston, Maine was sentenced yesterday in U.S. District Court to over 26 years in prison. U.S. District Court Judge D. Brock Hornby imposed the sentence following Goodman's guilty plea entered in April 2007 – at which time Goodman pled guilty to conspiring to distribute and possess with intent to distribute crack cocaine, possessing with intent to distribute crack cocaine, unlawfully possessing a firearm after having been convicted of a felony offense, and possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. Goodman was determined to be a "career offender." Such offenders are subject to increased prison terms under the federal sentencing guidelines.

Goodman was arrested in Lewiston in August 2006 following a five-month long investigation. When Goodman was arrested he was found to be in possession of over 240 grams of crack cocaine, 2 loaded firearms and several thousand dollars in cash.

U.S. Attorney Silsby praised the investigative efforts of the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, the Lewiston and Auburn Police Departments and the Central Maine Violent Crimes Task Force. U.S. Attorney Silsby stated that this conviction is significant because it sends a strong message that those who choose to traffic drugs and illegally possess firearms in Maine will be prosecuted and face stiff penalties.

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